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JOINT OSO/OPC TRAINING COMMITTEE
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Present: Mr. [REDACTED]
Mr. [REDACTED]

Recording Secretary

1. OPC Emergency Training.

a. The proposed scheduling of IOC and Operations Courses now is to have an OPC stop-gap IOC during August with a stop-gap Ops/OPC Course running 6 to 25 September, with the first regular IOC beginning 6 September to be followed by the second on 10 October. The first Operations Course will begin 19 September and end 14 October. This will result in two full IOC's feeding into the next Operations Course beginning 24 or 31 October. A proposal therefore to give a second stop-gap Ops/OPC Course of four weeks to commence 17 October for the OPC Students completing the IOC 25 September was agreed upon, for the purpose of preventing too great a back-log accumulating of students having completed IOC and awaiting Operations. It was also agreed that the Operations Course beginning 24 or 31 October will be able to accommodate 25 to 30 students.

b. The second stop-gap Ops/OPC Course will have less of a contribution from OSO Operations Instructors than the first, but they will handle as many lectures as possible and will be supplemented by lectures from Mr. [REDACTED] and 25X1A9a others who may be trained by that time.

c. It was agreed that Mr. [REDACTED] will be asked to be Chief Instructor of the second stop-gap Ops/OPC Course as well as the first.

2. IOC Personnel

a. Mr. [REDACTED] submitted a proposed memorandum from the committee to ADSO and ADPC on the subject of a revised T/O for the basic training. The memorandum was agreed upon and will be submitted immediately.

b. Miss [REDACTED] questioned the number of slots allowed in the T/O for basic study, and it was agreed that an attempt should be made to work with the T/O as now agreed upon and if it is found inadequate a later request can be made for additional staff.

c. A list of OPC personnel added to the IOC T/O with grades and full names is to be supplied to Mr. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

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d. Mr. [REDACTED] will be retained on the basic T/O and used in the regular IOC beginning 6 September. He will also assist in problems in the Operations Course, as well as assisting Mr. [REDACTED] his stop-gap Ops/OPC. Later in the Fall it is hoped that Mr. [REDACTED] may become a Chief Instructor for IOC.

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3. OPC Training Liaison Officer.

a. The OSO system of branch training liaison was discussed. It was recommended that OPC arrange within its Planning and Operating Branches to have probably six Operations Officers and four Planning officers designated for training liaison rather than the one key officer from each now so designated. The suggestion was made that the branches be asked to suggest officers from each area desk, and permit the actual choice to be made by TOS/OPC. It was further suggested that regular meetings be held with these officers and the training staff to acquaint them with training plans and procedures.

4. Assessments

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a. [REDACTED] reported that he had been successful in recruiting the administrative staff for his assessment unit and that he is proceeding on a canvass of colleges to secure psychologists.

25X1A9a b. Space will soon be needed for the Assessment Unit and [REDACTED] was advised to prepare to move into Building No. 14 in September, when the IOC Courses will be moved to Building No. 13.

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c. [REDACTED] reported that Assessment is now restricted to prospective training personnel and that during the next month the number of persons to be assessed will have to be cut down even lower. New tests on current affairs and intelligence interest have been prepared.

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